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Super Bowl 50 fans don't let fans drive drunk

The Super Bowl is America's most watched national sporting event. **On Super Bowl Sunday, February 7**, there will be lots of game day socializing that may include drinking. That's why the Dodge County Highway Safety Commission is urging football fans to plan ahead for a safe ride home.

Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk campaign encourages people to make plans ahead of time that will prevent them from getting behind the wheel of a vehicle after drinking. Driving drunk could result in injury or death for you or others on the road.

KNOW YOUR ROLE ON SUPER BOWL 50

Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk

Are You Drinking?

If so, don't drive. Follow these tips to have fun, stay alive, and avoid getting pulled over or crashing your vehicle on game day.

- Before Super Bowl Sunday, make a game plan that includes a sober driver – someone who will not be drinking at all.
- Leave your keys at home and designate a sober driver.
- Consider getting a sober ride – ride share or taxi - to your destination, so you won't even have the option later to drive impaired.
- Avoid drinking too much alcohol too fast. Pace yourself. Eat plenty of food, take breaks, and alternate with non-alcoholic drinks.
- Stop drinking after the third quarter, just like they do at the actual stadium.
- Make sure your designated driver is sober, not just less intoxicated than you.
- Don't let others drive drunk. Arrange a safe way for them to get home, too.
- If you don't have a designated driver, ask a sober friend for a ride home; book a ride share, call a cab, friend, or family member to come get you; or if possible stay where you are for the night and don't drive until you are sober.
- When you ride home with your sober driver, wear your seat belt. It's your best defense in a crash.
- Walking impaired can be dangerous. Designate a sober friend to walk you home.

Or Are You Driving?

If so, don't drink. Your responsible choices can save lives.

- Take your role seriously as the designated sober driver—don't drink and drive.
- Enjoy the party with food and non-alcoholic drinks.
- Brag about your MVP status on social media using the hashtag #designateddriver.
- Wear your seat belt and require your passengers to do the same.
- If someone you know has been drinking and tries to drive, take their keys and help them get home safely. They'll thank you later. Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk.

Are You Hosting a Super Bowl Party?

If so, you're the team captain! Designate a responsible driver now to help your guests get home safely.

- Ask all of your guests to designate their sober drivers in advance, or help them arrange ride-sharing with sober drivers. If you don't drink, offer to drive guests home.
- Encourage your drinking guests to pace themselves.
- Serve plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages at the party.
- Stop serving alcohol at the end of the third quarter—this is a good time to serve coffee and dessert.
- Thank the designated sober drivers at your party. You could even acknowledge them on social media using the hashtag #designateddriver.
- Provide incentive—offer to tweet your designated driver's name to NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) on Super Bowl 50, and they'll make the designated driver Wall of Fame.
- Sign up online for a ride sharing service and keep the phone numbers of local cab companies on hand and take the keys away from any guests who are thinking of driving after drinking.
- Remember, if you serve a guest alcohol and he or she gets in a crash that night, you could be held liable.
- If an underage person drinks and drives, the parent or guardian can be legally liable for any damage, injury or death caused by the underage driver.
- Likewise, parents or other adults who provide alcohol to – or host a party where alcohol is available to – those under age 21, could face jail time.

Are You Aware of the Risks?

Drunk driving is a serious problem with serious consequences. Don't become a Super Bowl stat.

- In 2014 alone, 9,967 people were killed in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes, 31 percent of all crash fatalities.
- An average of 1 alcohol-impaired-driving fatality occurred every 53 minutes in 2014.
- Drunk drivers face jail time, the loss of their driver licenses, higher insurance rates, and dozens of other unanticipated expenses ranging from attorney fees, court costs, car towing and repairs, and lost wages due to time off from work.

- The average DUI case costs approximately \$10,000.
- Refusing to take a breath test in Wisconsin results in the loss of your driver's license on the spot. Also, there's the added embarrassment, humiliation, and consequences of telling family, friends and employers of your arrest.
- If you injure or kill someone in a drunk-driving crash, it's something you'll have to live with for the rest of your life.

This Super Bowl 50, be a team player: Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk.